

IV. Remarks.

The Examiner entered the following rejection.

1. Claims 8 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Tomiyama et al. (5714024).

The limitations of allowable claim 14 and all intermediate claims have been incorporated into claim 8 rendering it allowable. Claim 19 has been cancelled.

2. Claims 8, 9 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/58191 to Lofgren et al.

The limitations of allowable claim 14 and all intermediate claims have been incorporated into claim 8 rendering it allowable. Claim 9 depends from claim 8. Claim 19 has been cancelled.

3. Claims 8, 10, 11, 19-21, 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Bierbaum (5244080).

The limitations of allowable claim 14 and all intermediate claims have been incorporated into claim 8 rendering it allowable.

Claim 10 has been cancelled. Claim 11 depends from claim 8. Claims 19, 20, 21, 24, 26 have been cancelled.

4. Claims 12, 13, 16, 18, 22, 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bierbaum in view of WO 00/58191 to Lofgren et al.

Claims 12, 13, 16, 18 depend from allowable claim 8. Claims 22, 23 and 25 have been cancelled.

Applicant requests that the claims be passed to allowance.

V. Fees.

Any fees payable for this amendment may be deducted from deposit account 07-0475 in the name of The Gates Corporation. Thank you for your attention to this case. If any questions arise, please call at the number below.

Sincerely,



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